

## Claims

1. A tool holding device comprising a first rail and a second rail vertically and horizontally offset from each other forming an opening therebetween for receiving an elongate member in a generally vertical orientation.
2. A device according to claim 1 wherein the rails comprise generally parallel crossbars further characterized by generally opposed edges for contacting the elongate member when inserted therebetween.
3. A device according to claim 2 further characterized by at least one depression formed along the opposed edges in the crossbars.
4. A device according to claim 3 further characterized by a second depression formed along the opposed edges in the crossbars.
5. A device according to claim 4 wherein the depressions are formed in both of the opposed edges and are generally aligned, thereby restricting movement of the elongate member when disposed therein.
6. A device according to claim 2 further comprising two end plates attached to side edges of the crossbars, whereby the end plates and the crossbars form a stable structure.
7. A device according to claim 6 wherein outward extents of the end plates define a footprint and wherein a vertical projection through a center of gravity of an elongate member inserted between the crossbars lies within the footprint.
8. A device according to claim 1 further comprising at least one elongate member inserted between the rails, the elongate member including a support for supporting an item thereon.
9. A device according to claim 8 further comprising a shelf disposed on the support.

1 10. A device according to claim 1 wherein the first rail and the second rail comprise a first  
2 hoop and a second hoop generally concentric therewith, further wherein the first hoop and the  
3 second hoop comprise generally opposed edges for contacting the elongate member when  
4 inserted therebetween.

1 11. A device according to claim 10 further characterized by at least one depression formed  
2 along the opposed edges in the hoops.

1 12. A device according to claim 11 further characterized by a second depression formed  
2 along the opposed edges in the hoops.

1 13. A device according to claim 12 wherein the depressions are formed in both of the  
2 opposed edges and are generally aligned, thereby restricting movement of the elongate member  
3 when disposed therein.

1 14. A device according to claim 13 further comprising at least one leg attached to the hoops,  
2 thereby forming a stable structure.

1 15. A device according to claim 14 wherein an outward extent of the at least one leg defines  
2 a footprint, wherein a vertical projection through a center of gravity of an elongate member  
3 inserted between the hoops lies within the footprint.

1 16. A method for storing elongate members comprising the steps of:  
2 providing a first rail and a second rail vertically and horizontally offset from each other  
3 forming an opening therebetween for receiving an elongate member in a generally vertical  
4 orientation; and  
5 inserting an elongate member between the rails.

1 17. A method according to claim 16 wherein the rails comprise generally opposed edges for  
2 contacting the elongate member when inserted therebetween.

1 18. A method according to claim 17 further characterized by at least one depression formed  
2 along the opposed edges in the rails.

1 19. A method according to claim 18 further characterized by a second depression formed  
2 along the opposed edges in the rails.

1 20. A method according to claim 19 wherein the depressions are formed in both of the  
2 opposed edges and are generally aligned, thereby restricting movement of the elongate member  
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